

PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Claudiu D. Pruteanu et al : February 19, 2003  
S. N. : 09/844,843 : Art Unit 3652  
Filed : April 27, 2001 : Examiner J. W. Keenan  
Title : AUTOMATED LOADER ARM

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to, and within two months of, a Final Action dated December 24, 2002, in the subject application. It is believed fitting and proper that the following amendments be entered as they are believed to be of benefit in moving the prosecution of this application along by bringing the claims into condition for allowance or reducing any issues which might remain for an appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the existing slate containing claims 36-48, without prejudice or disclaimer of any subject matter therein and substitute the following new slate containing claims 49-62 as follows:

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